



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
Acting County Administrator

Re: **Redistricting Update**

Attached please find the latest redistricting update. The Redistricting Advisory Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 23, from 4-6pm.

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
Diana Durazo, Special Projects Manager, County Administrator's Office



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From: Nicole Fyffe
Executive Assistant to the
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Re: Redistricting Update

The Redistricting Advisory Committee held their third meeting on March 2, 2022. Attached is the draft meeting summary. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23. So far, the Committee has agreed upon developing a revised district map that maintains the integrity of the existing districts, while meeting the required state and federal redistricting law. They chose to start by considering two sample maps provided by staff (Option 1 and 2), and have since added two additional maps for consideration based off of the Option 2 map (Option 2a and 2b). Those maps are available for viewing, along with limited data, on a public mapping platform: <https://districtr.org/tag/pimaaz>. Option 1 and 2 maps are also available for viewing on the County's redistricting webpage, www.pima.gov/countyredistricting under the maps and data tab, with data summed at the district level and compared to the current districts. By early next week, the same summary district level data will also be available on the County's web page for Options 2a and 2b. Any additional map options requested by the Committee, or those developed by the public that generally meet the Committee's objective, will also be available on both sites, along with the corresponding data.

The Committee requested additional data, which has been provided, and is summarized in more detail in this [February 23 memorandum](#) to the Committee. This includes voter performance by party for 2020 and 2018 federal, state-wide, Board of Supervisor and Pima Community College Governing Board races by precinct; citizen age voting population by race and ethnicity by precinct and summed at the district level; and population by age (which will be provided starting next week).

The main objective for the next Committee meeting is to review in detail the existing map options, as well as any provided before the meeting, make changes in real time at the meeting, and potentially agree upon a map or maps for which to solicit additional public input. The first three meetings shown live on YouTube, as well as the recordings, have been viewed 148, 96 and 47 times, respectively. In addition to the March 23 meeting, the Committee has a meeting scheduled for April 6 and agreed to add another meeting later in April, which will still enable the Committee to conclude their recommendations to the Board by the end of April.

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c: Diana Durazo, Special Projects Manager, County Administrator's Office

PIMA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY OF MEETING

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
4:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

Committee Members Present

Steve Lynn, Chair, District 1
Dr. Augustine Romero, Vice Chair, District 5
Dr. Sylvia Lee, District 2
Larry Hecker, District 3
Frank Antenori, District 4

Committee Members Absent

None

1. Roll Call

Chairman Lynn called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm with all Committee members present. (Note that due to technical difficulties, the meeting was transmitted live on the County's YouTube channel, but not on Cox/Comcast Channel 96).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of February 17, 2022 Meeting Summary

MOTION: Dr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Antenori, to approve the February 17, 2022 meeting summary. Motion approved 5-0.

4. Data Requests from February 17, 2022 Meeting

In response to a request from Chairman Lynn, Nicole Fyffe, County Administrator's Office, summarized the data requests and responses, which were also provided in this February 23, 2022 memo to the Committee https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/County%20Administrator/Redistricting/RAC-Requests-3-2-22%20Meeting.pdf and are available under the data tab at www.pima.gov/countyredistricting.

Mr. Antenori asked if the newly adjusted precincts were on PimaMaps and another County mapping platform. Erik Glenn, Pima County GIS Analyst, confirmed yes they are.

Mr. Hecker requested data by age, which will be provided. It was suggested that this data could be provided broken out in 10 year increments.

5. Map Options 1 and 2 – Committee Discussion and Direction to Staff

Dr. Lee commented that Option 1 doesn't go far enough in balancing the population. She submitted two maps to staff today, and clarified that they were based on changes to Option 2.

Mr. Hecker asked about how the precincts are identified on the map as moving from one district to another. Ms. Fyffe responded that those precincts outlined in blue are those moved from one district to another. The color of the precinct shows the district it moved into. From now on, staff will provide a list of precincts moved to/from each district for each map. These will also be added to the data tab on the County webpage.

Dr. Lee explained that she sent staff two maps to distribute to the Committee today, but would like to dismiss map 3 and consider map 4. Chairman Lynn notified the Committee that he will be submitting changes to Option 2 for Committee consideration. He suggested that Dr. Lee's map be called Option 2a and his changes be called Option 2b, as both are based off of changes to the Option 2 map. If other maps are created that don't originate from Option 1 or 2, then they could be named Option 3, 4 and so on.

Mr. Hecker asked if staff could show the changes to Option 2 in a different color, so that it is easier to see how they differ. Staff agreed to try this.

Chairman Lynn asked if anyone else had changes to make or discuss today with regard to Option 1 and 2, and with no response moved on to the next agenda item.

Vice-Chair Romero requested a list of precincts moved for each map, and Ms. Fyffe said yes this would be provided to the Committee and posted on data tab on County webpage.

6. Additional Discussion and Direction for Maps and Data

As there was no additional discussion, Chairman Lynn requested that the new maps be provided to the Committee and publically accessible as soon as possible.

7. Public Hearing

There were no requests to speak at this time. Chairman Lynn and Diana Durazo, County Administrator's office, noted that three written comments were received and provided to the Committee. Two comments were in opposition to moving the Quail Creek subdivision from District 4 to District 2 (south of Sahuarita Precinct 84) which is proposed in the Option 2 map. One comment was in support of the Option 2 map. Dr. Lee stated that her map, which will be called Option 2a, does not move that Quail Creek/Precinct 84 into District 2.

Mr. Hecker asked if the Committee had received Chairman Lynn's changes to Option 2. Chairman Lynn responded no, and that he would be sending them to staff after the meeting. He also stated that his changes result in a maximum population deviation of 0.44%, and were made without regard to political impact, which the

Committee can discuss after reviewing the map and data.

Ms. Fyffe noted that the original Options 1 and 2 do not move incumbents into different districts. Ms. Fyffe asked if the Committee would like to be informed when a map moves incumbents out of their district into a different district. There was general agreement that yes this information should be provided to the Committee, regardless how the Committee chooses to use the information.

Vice-Chair Romero asked Mr. Glenn if precinct numbers can be added to DistrictR and if the voter registration by party overlay in DistrictR can be shown in a different color. The answer was no, unfortunately. Chairman Lynn said the Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee used a superior mapping platform called Maptitude.

8. Future Agenda Items

The Committee discussed different dates for an additional meeting. The last scheduled meeting is on April 6. It was agreed that the Committee would add another meeting on or around April 20.

Chairman Lynn stated that because the next meeting is not until March 23, the Committee will have a lot of time to go over the map options before the meeting, and that the meeting can be dedicated to reviewing maps in detail and making changes during the meeting. In the interim, Chairman Lynn told the Committee that if they have anything they want to communicate to staff or the Committee that they do so and that staff will disseminate anything pertinent to the Committee before the March 23rd meeting.

Mr. Glenn confirmed he could have the two new versions of Option 2 on DistrictR that evening.

Mr. Antenori requested a large hard copy version of the current districts and precincts. Each of the Committee members will be provided with one.

Vice-Chair Romero thanks staff for their responsiveness and clarity.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm

For a recording of the meeting, please visit the County's redistricting webpage at www.pima.gov/CountyRedistricting for the March 2, 2022 YouTube recording link.